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There is quoted below the text of a statement issued by the Brussels Treaty Organization in London on September 11, 1950, on the subject of a youth meeting to be held under the auspices of the Brussels Treaty Powers at Genval, Belgium from September 15-25, 1950:

"The third youth meeting to be held this year under the auspices of the Brussels Treaty Powers will take place at Genval in Belgium from 15th to 25th September. Sixty University students from Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom will meet at the National Youth Centre at Genval, some 13 miles from Brussels, to study the social problems of present-day University students and compare notes on how these problems are dealt with in each of the five countries.

"Four committees will be set up. The first will deal with social security for students and such questions as the protection of students' health, medical examinations, etc. The second committee will study the financing of university studies by, for instance, scholarships and study grants. It will also tackle the general question of facilitating access to higher education in the five countries. The third committee will be occupied with the day to day problems of organisation of accommodation, meals, university cooperatives and towns. The fourth will examine problems of international university exchanges, holiday courses, collaboration of students' associations and unions within the five countries and military service for students.

"A very full programme has been arranged for the delegates. The meeting will be opened on 15th September by M. Harmel, the Belgian Minister of Education. M. Kuypers, speaking on behalf of the

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Brussels Treaty Cultural Committee, will show how the work to be undertaken at the meeting fits into the framework of the Brussels Treaty. A reception will follow at which representatives of the Western Union Embassies and Legations in Brussels, of the Belgian Cabinet and the Belgian Directors-General of Education, the Rectors of the Belgian Universities, the Presidents of the Cultural Committees and the Presidents of the Students' Associations of Belgium will be present.

"A theatrical evening has been arranged and musical evenings will also be given by Youth Movement delegates, one of which will initiate the visitors into the lively and colourful folklore of Belgium. Each country has been invited to show films on undergraduate life at its Universities.

"Visits to Brussels, Waterloo, Liège, Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges have been arranged, and the students will also be able to see something of the industrial life of Belgium at metal and glass works and a mining district. Arrangements have been made for them to meet Belgian students in addition to those who will be present at the Meeting."

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